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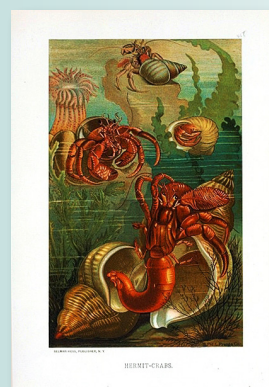
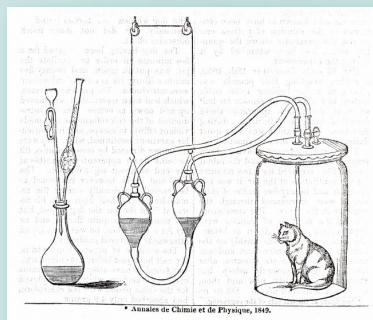
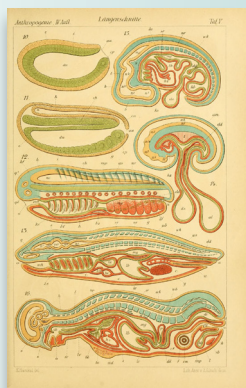
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40TH ANNUAL MIDWEST PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY



BRUCE GLYMOUR
Kansas State University

WHEN IS SCIENCE BAD? PERSPECTIVAL JUDGMENTS AND VALUE RELATIVISM IN AND ABOUT SCIENTIFIC PRACTICE

Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Imholte Hall 109

PATRICK FORBER and RORY SMEAD
Tufts University Northeastern University

EVOLUTION, SPITE, AND MORALITY

Thursday, April 14, 5 p.m.

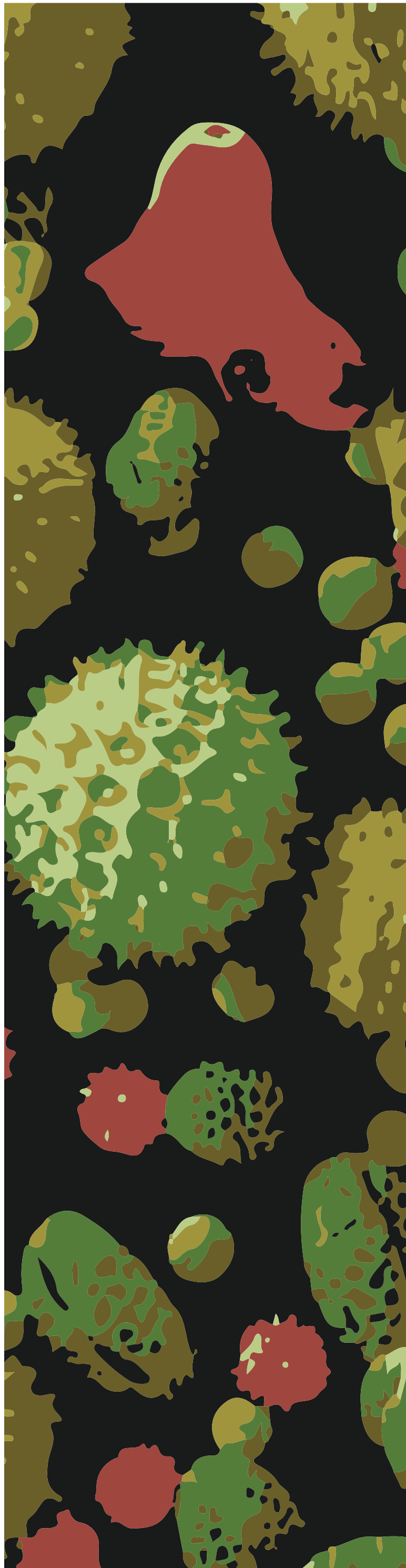
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PHILIP KITCHER
Columbia University

EXPERIMENTING ON ANIMALS

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m.

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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
& University of Minnesota, Morris

Joint Symposium

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BIOLOGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: COMPLEX CONCEPTS, AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES

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Friday, February 19, 2016

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EVOLUTION AND SEX: WHAT'S THE CONNECTION (IF ANY)?

1–1:50 p.m., Science 2950

How should we understand human sexual behavior in light of evolutionary biology? Does it tell us anything counterintuitive? Do studies of other animals tell us anything about ourselves?

Panelists: Mark Borrello (Twin Cities), Dan Demetriou (Morris), Marlene Zuk (Twin Cities)

DID MY MICROBIOME MAKE ME DO IT?

2–2:50 p.m., Science 2950

Do the communities of microbes we host change our behavior without us knowing it? What does it mean to be an individual human when we are composed mostly of microbial cells?

Panelists: Alan Love (Twin Cities), Kristin Mickelson (Morris), Michael Travisano (Twin Cities)

REFRESHMENTS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

3–3:50 pm., University Room, Student Center

Roundtable discussions: What is graduate or professional school, and why would I want to go? What is it like to be minority in the sciences? Why should I care about the history and philosophy of biology?

WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY, AND HOW CAN WE CONSERVE IT?

4–5 p.m., Science 2950

How do we measure biodiversity? Which measures are relevant for trying to save or conserve it? Is it possible that we are missing important features in our calculations of what to preserve?

Panelists: Clement Loo (Morris), Georgiana May (Twin Cities), Ruth Shaw (Twin Cities), Emilie Snell-Rood (Twin Cities)

CLOSING RECEPTION

5:10–6 p.m., Alumni Room, Student Center

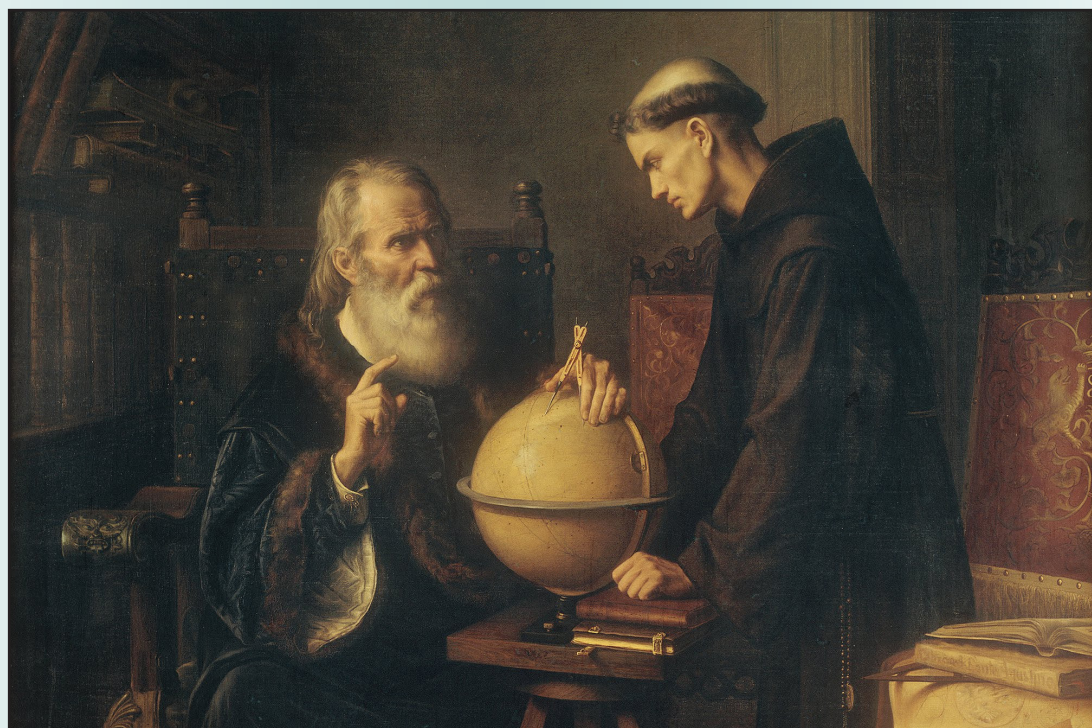
Continuing the conversations

This event is co-sponsored by the UMM Dean's Office, the UMM Division of Science and Math, and the Science and Math Alumni Funds.

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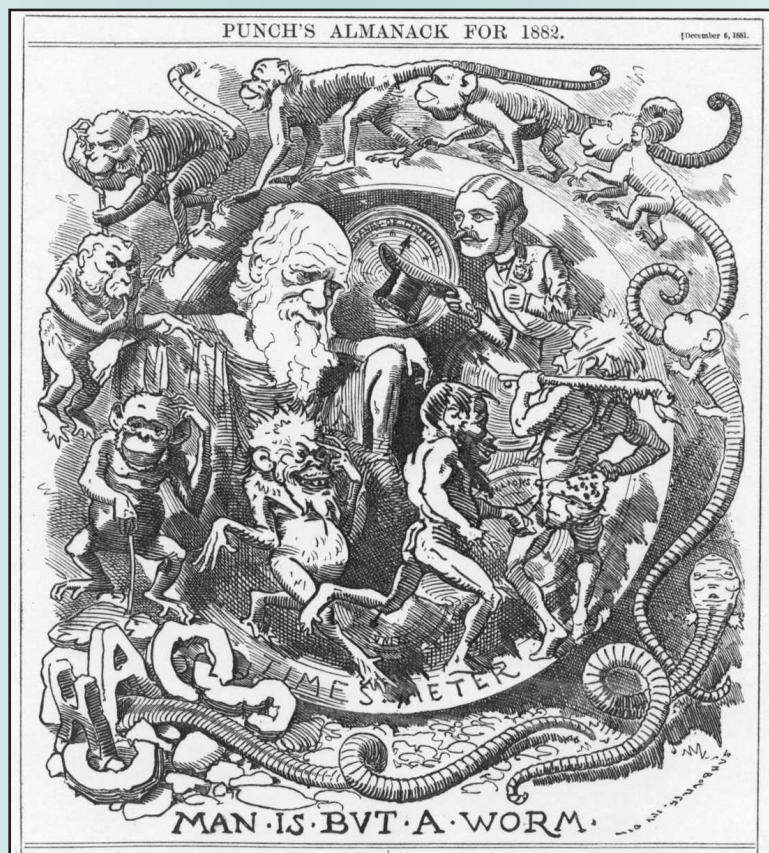
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Abusing Science: The Case Against Creationism

The Nature of Mathematical Knowledge

Vaulting Ambition: Sociobiology and the Quest for Human Nature

The Advancement of Science

The Lives to Come: The Genetic Revolution and Human Possibilities

Science, Truth, and Democracy

In Mendel's Mirror: Philosophical Reflections on Biology

Finding an Ending: Reflections on Wagner's Ring

Living with Darwin: Evolution, Design, and the Future of Faith

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The Ethical Project

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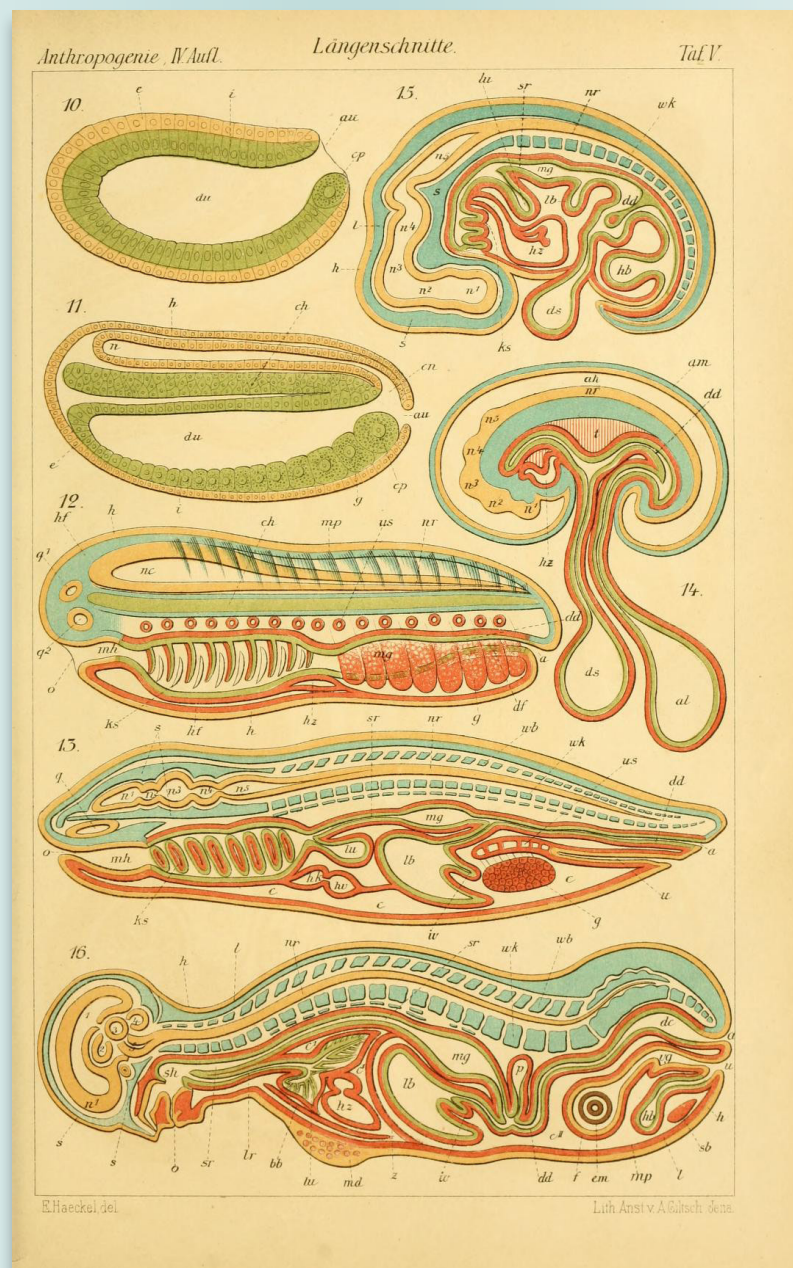
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Life After Faith: The Case for Secular Humanism

Deaths in Venice: The Case of Gustav von Aschenbach

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EXPLAINING THE ORIGIN OF
EVOLUTIONARY NOVELTY



Thursday, February 18, 2016
5 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109 (Cow Palace)